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PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 09/737,306REMARKS

Claims 1-81 and 83-117 are pending in the captioned Application in which claims 103-117 are newly added hereby. Claim 102 is amended to correct the dependency thereof.

Newly Added Claims 103-117:

Support for newly added claims 103-117 79 is found, for example, in Figures 1A-1B and 2-2A, in the specification at page 8, line 23 to page 9, line 2, at page 10, lines 6-17, at page 15, lines 1-7, at page 16, line 29 to page 17, line 24, at page 18, lines 21-31, at page 21, lines 10-30, at page 22, line 23 to page 23, line 13, at page 27, lines 6-21, at page 29, line 18 to page 30, line 6, and at page 34, line 17 to page 35, line 7, and in claims 1, 15, 16, 17, 22, 43, 44, 60, 66, and 74.

Newly added claims 103-112 are patentable over Challener and/or the FEC Standard and/or Miyagawa because they depend from one of patentable independent claims 82, 83, 87, 89, 90 and 101. In addition, claims 103-117 are patentable for substantially the same reasons as set forth in the Amendment filed on or about October 28, 2003, including that the references cannot properly be combined and that even if they could properly be combined, they do not describe or suggest, the non-obvious features recited by Applicant's claims 103-117. Moreover, none of the references describe or suggest the combination of elements recited in added claims 113-117, such as the unique and randomized voting session identifier, and the two independent memories, at least one of which cannot be changed after the voting record for a voting session is stored therein at the end of the voting session.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 103-117 is appropriate and such action is solicited.

Formal Drawing:

Applicant continues his request for acknowledgment in the next paper of the acceptance of the formal drawing filed on or about April 9, 2002.

Priority Claim:

Applicant continues his request for acknowledgment of Applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to the provisional applications as again set forth in the

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Amendment filed on or about October 28, 2003.

Conclusion:

Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-81 and 83-117 be allowed and that the Application be passed to issuance.

Please charge the \$169.00 fee for increasing the number of independent claims by one (1) and the total number of claims by fourteen (14) above the number previously paid for prior to this Supplemental Amendment to Deposit Account 04-1406 of Dann, Dorfman, Herrell and Skillman. A Fee Calculation sheet is submitted herewith.

Should the fee calculation be incorrect or any other or additional fee be due in consequence of this paper, please charge such fee and deposit any refund to Deposit Account 04-1406.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if there is any question or if prosecution of this Application could be furthered by telephone.

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